

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ExploreVA Newsletter Article

Kick-start your new career with VA benefits

What do you want to be when you grow up? This common question to children brings out optimism, hope and a lot of imagination.

VA benefits give Veterans the opportunity to experience this excitement again. Whether the goal is to be a veterinarian, chef or mechanic, VA may be able to help Veterans with their career goals.

VA education benefits may be used toward traditional degrees, non-college degrees, on-the-job training, apprenticeships and more. A few key programs that Veterans may be able to use to pursue dream careers include:

Post-9/11 GI Bill®



[Chris](#), an Army Veteran, accredits the Post-9/11 GI Bill for saving his life and his marriage. This program helped Chris earn his degree to start his career as a chiropractor. “It allowed me to be able to go back to school and earn my degree so that I can provide for my family – it changed my life,” he said.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill can help cover the cost of tuition, housing, training and other education-related expenses.

“People think it’s hard to use the GI Bill, and it’s not,” said [Curtis](#), a Marine Corps Veteran. “It’s a seamless, easy program, and the benefits are just unbelievable. You can concentrate on your studies and that transition into becoming a civilian again.”

Learn more about the [Post-9/11 GI Bill](#).

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E)



VR&E assists Veterans and service members with an established employment handicap resulting from a service-connected disability. [Natasha](#), an Army Veteran, used VR&E to advance her career and help her realize her dreams for the future.

“In the long run, having the career that I want will let me be the mother that I want to be,” she said.

VR&E services may help Veterans with:

- Job training
- Employment accommodations
- Resume development
- Job seeking skills and coaching

Get more information about [VR&E](#).

Other Employment Resources



VA offers employment resources for every stage of a Veteran’s job search. Veterans who qualify for VA employment services can:

- Search for jobs and find employers who want to hire Veterans
- Access apprenticeships and on-the-job training using the GI Bill
- Receive one-on-one career counseling

Check out additional [employment resources](#) and visit [Explore.VA.gov](#) to learn more about all VA benefits.



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